

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 4/28/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-56.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: ____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-56 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re claims 1-20, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest, "A system for transferring data, comprising: an imaging device configured to capture said data into data buffers, said imaging device associating a user identifier with said data; a data destination configured to receive said data and said user identifier from said imaging device for subsequent access by a system user, said data destination categorizing said data by referencing said user identifier; and a transfer manager of said imaging device for transferring said data from said imaging device to said data destination, said transfer manager monitoring said data buffers, and transferring said data in a data transfer procedure if a total amount of said data stored in said data buffers is greater than a predetermined threshold amount that is not subject to specific threshold-selection size limitations, **said transfer manager performing a repeat transfer procedure whenever said data destination fails to successfully receive all of said data, said transfer manager specifically indicating to said data destination that additional information from said data will subsequently be transmitted as a part of an**

interrupted transmission from said data transfer procedure, said transfer manager continuing to perform additional ones of said repeat transfer procedure until said data is successfully transferred to said data destination, said transfer manager automatically erasing said data from said data buffers only after a successful transmission message is received from said data destination”.

Re claims 21-43 and 46-56, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest, “A method for transferring data, comprising the steps of: capturing said data into data buffers by utilizing an imaging device that also associates a user identifier with said data; utilizing a data destination to receive said data and said user identifier for subsequent access by a system user, said data destination categorizing said data by referencing said user identifier; and transferring said data from said imaging device to said data destination by utilizing a transfer manager of said imaging device, said transfer manager monitoring said data buffers, and transferring said data in a data transfer procedure if a total amount of said data stored in said data buffers is greater than a predetermined threshold amount that is not subject to specific threshold-selection size limitations; performing a repeat transfer procedure with said transfer manager whenever said data destination fails to successfully receive all of said data, **said transfer manager specifically indicating to said data destination that additional information from said data will subsequently be transmitted as a part of an interrupted transmission from said data transfer procedure**, said transfer manager continuing to perform additional ones of said repeat transfer procedure until said data is

successfully transferred to said data destination, said transfer manager automatically erasing said data from said data buffers only after a successful transmission message is received from said data destination.”

Re claim 44, the prior art fails to teach or suggest “A computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for transferring data by performing the steps of: capturing said data into data buffers by utilizing an imaging device; utilizing a data destination to receive said data for subsequent access by a system user; transferring said data from said imaging device to said data destination by utilizing a transfer manager that automatically transfers said data in a data transfer procedure if said data stored in said data buffers exceeds a predetermined threshold amount; and **performing a repeat transfer procedure with said transfer manager whenever said data destination fails to successfully receive all of said data, said transfer manager specifically indicating to said data destination that additional information from said data will subsequently be transmitted as a part of an interrupted transmission from said data transfer procedure**, said transfer manager automatically erasing said data from said data buffers only after a successful transmission message is received from said data destination.” The Examiner notes that in an interview with applicant’s attorney, Greg Koerner, Mr. Koerner indicated that the discussion of Figure 4 on page 10 of the specification discusses various software programs stored in a memory 346. Mr. Koerner indicated that the memory 346 corresponds to the computer-readable medium in claim 44.

Re claim 45, the prior art fails to teach or suggest “A system for transferring data, comprising: means for capturing said data into data buffers; means for receiving said data for subsequent access by a system user; means for transferring said data from said means for capturing to said means for receiving in a data transfer procedure; and **means for performing a repeat transfer procedure whenever said means for receiving fails to successfully receive all of said data, said means for transferring specifically indicating to said means for receiving that additional information from said data will subsequently be transmitted as a part of an interrupted transmission from said data transfer procedure**, said means for transferring automatically erasing said data from said data buffers only after a successful transmission message is received from said means for receiving.”

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Contacts

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelly L. Jerabek whose telephone number is **(571) 272-**

7312. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached at **(571) 272-7372**. The fax phone number for submitting all Official communications is **(571) 273-7300**. The fax phone number for submitting informal communications such as drafts, proposed amendments, etc., may be faxed directly to the Examiner at **(571) 273-7312**.

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